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PSBA New Clippings



The President's Desk: Grant Rauzi

It's June already!

The days are now at their longest and the year seems at its busiest – so I hope this issue of our newsletter finds you all in great shape as we look forward to the summer season. Be sure you leave this coming weekend open for fun ** (see below).

I must follow-up, and report to you the great success of several recent events in our region:

Last month, the **Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection** in Federal Way, WA which had been closed to the public since spring of 2009, was open on Mother's Day Weekend May 7th, 8th, 9th in conjunction with the buds & Blooms Spring Garden Festival. It was a resounding success and the weather was simply beautiful – last I heard there were over 5,000 'clicks' registered at the entry gate for the weekend alone. Congratulations to **David DeGroot** and all his hardworking colleagues including many PSBA club volunteers on the beauty of the display and grounds, and also on the wonderful exposure to the collection and the art and science of bonsai in our Pacific Northwest region. See page 3 for a wonderful announcement!

Also several weeks ago, the **Annual Spring Show** at the Japanese Garden in the Seattle Arboretum was held on May 16. This is an annual exhibit that draws from the bonsai collections of club members and the outdoor venue in the surroundings of the Japanese Garden is a day we always look forward to enjoy, and this year we were blessed with great conditions for photography. Later in this issue are just a sample of event. We plan to post many more on our website to record the event. Many thanks to PSBA Coordinator **Pat Negron** for her planning and artistry that resulted in such a nice show. Many times over the course of the day, people commented to me that this was the best spring show they had seen in many years! Also, our thanks to **Kathleen Blanchard** of Seattle Parks and Recreation for all her arrangements and support of this Puget Sound Bonsai Association event in such a beautiful surroundings. Well done!

** Next Up: Puget Sound Bonsai Association proudly presents its **2010 Annual Bonsai Auction**, June 5 from 1-4 P.M. to be held on the grounds of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection. We now have over 80 trees to be auctioned and parking is free! We will have an emphasis on collected trees this year. Even TV and radio personality Cisco will be mentioning our event on his show! www.psba.us or, Contact Chairman **Don Guilliams** for more information. Don't forget, that PSBA will benefit from each sale made. J.

Later in this issue are more details on our upcoming June General Meeting featuring guest artist and PSBA member **David DeGroot** – a "Don't Miss" Event! And we plan for our annual July potluck.

See you at the auction!

Grant

- Check out the club out on the Web at www.psba.us. Current and past newsletters are available on that site.
- Don't forget to attend our annual bonsai auction to be held the first Saturday in June (June 5th) at Weyerhaeuser's campus in Federal Way. See page 5 for details.
- The 2010 PNBCA convention is to be held in Bremerton. See page 5 for details.
- Our June 28th meeting will feature David DeGroot's program on the proper way to display and show bonsai trees. There will be no workshop that day—just the evening meeting at CUH.
- Watch for the July newsletter on or about July 10th for details on the summer potluck. Remember you can swap and shop for plants and pots that day.

Weyerhaeuser Is Pleased To Announce...

The Weyerhaeuser Corporation is pleased to announce the reopening of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection. David DeGroot reports that the collection is open to the public again from 10 am to 4 pm daily except Thursdays. Plan to visit often and please let Weyerhaeuser know that we rejoice in the reopening of the collection. It is a real treat for anyone who visits the trees. What a pleasure to have this magnificent collection open once again to residents and visitors alike!

John Thompson Writes...to Pat Negron and PSBA

I would like to revise the air layer info I gave you and the club when I did the workshop and demo earlier this year. You might put this in your newsletter as well. If you use the cloth bag I showed you, use the traditional wrap of wet sphagnum moss, not soil, around the air layer to retain moisture. Keep it moist; so water every day you water the tree. If you use soil, use 100% akadama to retain moisture better in the layered area; then wrap it in plastic tightly to seal it in. Again, keeping the soil moist is essential to making the layer work, so water on a daily basis. Aftercare is essential to success. The traditional way is to use wet sphagnum moss then wrap with plastic to seal in water. I have found that this keeps in too much water. But better a little too much water than letting it dry out and fail.

Pat, I believe we did air layers on your tree, and this may necessitate that you re-do the air layer on your tree. Sorry. The layer should still work if you change it out asap. A callus is probably just beginning to form on the layer.

Again, thanks for having me! Happy air layering!

PSBA's 2010 Spring Show

Pat Negron, chairman of this year's spring show, sends thanks to the many volunteers who helped put on the show May 16th at the Seattle Japanese Gardens. PSBA owes a special thanks to Kathy Blanchard for arranging for the use of the garden, which drew many visitors as the weather was one of the nicer days Seattle experienced in May. As you can see from the pictures, the show went well and we can be proud of the many trees and stones that their owners shared with the public and with us. The show simply cannot happen without the many volunteers as well as the trees and stones which their owners shared that day.



David DeGroot To Speak June 28th

PSBA is pleased to have David DeGroot present our program at the June 28th meeting. He will talk about the proper way to display and show bonsai trees. Included in the program will be a discussion about using proper companion plants with the appropriate bonsai trees.

PNBCA Convention 2010

This year the Evergreen Bonsai Club hosts the PNBCA convention at the Bremerton Convention Center on September 17, 18, and 19th. Workshops will be conducted by John Conn, David DeGroot, Michael Hagedorn, Kathy Shaner, and Anne Spencer. Convention prices, hotel arrangements, and a convention schedule are available by going to the website for the Evergreen Bonsai Club of Bremerton. Remember that a portion of convention profits come back to each club based on how many club members attend the convention.

Don't Miss The 2010 PSBA Auction!

On Saturday, June 5th, PSBA will hold its 5th Annual Auction from 12pm to 4:30 pm in the courtyard of Weyerhaeuser's Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection. David DeGroot has graciously offered the facilities to us. The Auction will feature—live auctions, a silent auction, critiques of auctioned trees, a bonsai demonstration and a free buffet.

Our professional auctioneer, Steve Hardy, will return and will be assisted by Ken Wassum. Dan Robinson, our past auctioneer, will give a professional critique of the 65 trees in the auction from 12pm to 1 pm.

Glenn and Kitty Gardner will again oversee the silent auction, and Wayne Brewer will style a tree in the demonstration area from 12pm to 1 pm. This tree will then be offered in the live auction.

This event has gained in popularity every year and is one of the highlights of our PSBA year. Please plan to attend this festive event and spend a fun afternoon with your friends, fellow club members, and members of the general public who will attend this event. Leave your credit cards at home and bring your wallet with plenty of cash!

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Saturday, June 5 1 p.m.—4 p.m.	PSBA Annual Auction Pacific Rim, Weyerhaeuser campus, Federal Way
Monday, June 28 7 p.m.—10 p.m.	PSBA meeting at Center for Urban Horticulture—David DeGroot speaks.
Sunday, July 25 1 p.m.—5 p.m.	PSBA Annual Potluck, Center for Urban Horticulture

